

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

Given that for so many now prepaid cell phones are becoming our personal telephones, higher federal fees would mke even vital communications nearly impossible, think about homeless who are trying to make their way out of the collapse they have fallen into. No, I am not talking about the joe's and janes's that hold the card board sign for our change, many of them are not homeless. I am talking about the father just kicked out of his family, now looking for a job that will allow him to survive and meet high double standards that are meant to ruin him. That phone becomes his only connection to his children, his job, his recovery. Higher fees only take more away. Think of how many in this boat are vets you have serve this contry with distinction

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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